

## MERIWETHER FORCES HAVE DESERTIONS

Harry J. Cantwell Openly Announces His Voluntary "Elimination" From the Party.

## CHAMBERS AND THE JUDGES.

Allied Third Party Will Hear From Republican Candidates Tonight—Deal Practically Completed.

As predicted from the beginning, the manipulations of Meriwether and Kerens have proved the undoing of the proposed fusion deal between the Republicans and the so-called Public Ownership party.

Misguided Meriwetherites are deserting him by the score and the better element of Republicans are beginning to let themselves be known by their vigorous objections to the scheme by which Colonel Kerens hopes to capture the Republican caucus nomination for United States Senator.

Harry J. Cantwell, president of the Columbia Lead Company, and regarded as the most substantial man of the Meriwether forces, has openly announced his desertion. According to those who claim to know, he put up \$50 a month for the preliminary campaign expenses of Meriwether. He was one of the original supporters of Meriwether and stayed with him when the spit and the chambers faction took place.

When he saw the pieces of political manipulation which was carried out at the Meriwether convention he balked. Together with a number of other friends who take the same view of the situation as he does, he so strenuously objects to the Meriwether-Kerens scheme that he will have nothing else to do with the matter.

Cantwell next to the game. "I do not wish to be quoted," he said yesterday. "It is bad enough to have been mixed up with them, but now that I have eliminated myself, I think that I should be allowed to let a plain private citizen, with as little noise as possible, hereafter when there is any reforming to be done, I am of the impression that it should be done inside of the party organization, and not by a bolt."

Mr. Cantwell was formerly a Democrat, became dissatisfied with the so-called machine and joined hands with Meriwether. At present he can see no difference between a Meriwether machine, a Kerens machine or a police machine. He thinks that Meriwether is too much of a Kerens henchman for any sincere man who believes in principles to follow him.

When Meriwether presented a resolution to his convention leaving the nomination of legislative candidates to a committee to be appointed by him, Mr. Cantwell began to see the light. When this motion was carried by questionable means, Mr. Cantwell sympathized with the country delegates who walked out of the convention. He is now out of the game. All of the country delegates have deserted Meriwether. They have been shown, as have other city members of the party, and if Kerens and Phelps can get any comfort out of the thought, they are welcome.

**WILLIAM H. HAHN RESIGNS.** Likewise with the Republicans. Recorder of Deeds William H. Hahn has resigned as secretary of the Republican City Central Committee.

"The secretary of the committee," said Mr. Hahn yesterday, "is supposed to be in sympathy with the prevailing opinion and the majority of the committee. I am not of everyone knows, so what was there left for me to do except to step down and out? I am still a member of the committee and that is all. I shall not be a candidate for re-election to the committee from my ward."

All of which means that Hahn is free to raise as much particular Cain as he pleases. The Kerens push has called him for the sake of giving the nomination for Recorder of Deeds to Fred Kowalski of the Meriwether party. Like Judge Selden P. Spencer, he has been put out of the running and knows that his only chance of success is in fighting the machine.

Meanwhile he will have his hands full attending to the work in connection with entertaining the National Federation of Republican League Clubs. Charles F. Galenkamp is president and he is secretary of the State League. There should be a Federal appointment in store as a reward for the hard work which will be necessary to entertain properly the convention. The Post Office would not be so bad, some friends of Hahn think.

**Chambers Faction Fixing Things.** And as Meriwether and the Republicans are having their troubles, so with the Chambers faction. This wing, which is the Allied Third Party, has endorsed Judges Taft and Zachris for the Circuit Court, Judge Henderson for the Probate Court and George B. Sinden for the Court of Criminal Correction.

The condition was attached that these men should sign the Allied Third Party platform and accept nomination from the Meriwether faction. They were given until August 10 to decide. The committee which was appointed to confer with these candidates will report to the full Executive Committee of the party to-night.

It is said that these men have refused to sign the platform, a proposition which will probably be solved in a manner highly satisfactory to all parties concerned. No nominations for these places will be made, so that the Republicans will not only secure the strength of the Chambers faction, but be perfectly free to take any nomination. The "delicate negotiations" will decide exactly what will be done.

**Joy Convention Thursday.** Charles F. Joy returned from Washington yesterday to attend the Republican Convention of the Eleventh District, which will be held at the Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Monroe streets, Thursday morning. As there is no opposition to him, he will probably be nominated by acclamation.

A meeting of the Republican City Central Committee will be held the latter part of this week or the first of next, when the date of the primaries will probably be determined. It is hardly likely that direct

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## CLOSING OF NUNS' SCHOOLS CONTINUES TO AGITATE FRANCE.



PARISIANS GATHERED BY THOUSANDS TO EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE UNAUTHORIZED SCHOOLS. SEVERAL LEADING CATHOLICS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTES AND THE SENATE, DENOUNCED THE MINISTRY OF M. COMBES IN WARMEST TERMS, BUT THE PRESENCE OF LARGE DETAILS OF TROOPS PREVENTED ANY SERIOUS OUTBREAK.

primary will be ordered owing to the big kick which has been taken by Republicans in every part of the city have put their foot down on the proposition and if the committee orders a direct primary, there will be many explanations.

Republicans have not found a candidate to run in the Twelfth District. The nomination has been offered to Henry G. Greener, but he is said to have refused the honor. The district is about 30.0 Democratic. Mayor Wells having beaten both Parkard and Meriwether by that vote last year.

## EDITORS TO HAVE A CONFERENCE.

State Committee Sends Out Invitations for Gatherings of the Scribblers.

Democratic editors from every part of the State will hold conferences with the officers of the State Committee for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the work of the campaign. Secretary T. F. Mitchell sent out the notices yesterday inviting the 350 editors of the State to the conference.

The editors will be divided into three groups, though no special order has been followed in the invitations. As there are so many scribblers and as it is important to have them all well posted upon the line of material to be used, this division was determined upon as the best to be followed.

The first division will be here Friday, August 15, the second division on Monday, August 18, and the third on Wednesday, August 20. The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Committee will be held this morning at the headquarters in the Commercial building, Sixth and Olive streets. Harry H. Hahn will preside. Plans of campaign will be discussed. Mr. Hahn expects to leave about the 20th of the month for a fishing trip near Squirrel Lake, Wis. About a dozen politicians will accompany him. Mr. Hahn has been there last fall and had such an enjoyable time that he has resolved to try again.

The Democratic City Convention will probably not be held until about the first of October. Politicians generally agree that there is no use wasting energies in long campaigns. There is complete harmony in the party and from present indications it will continue.

## PETTIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Nominated Ticket in Convention at Sedalia.

Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 11.—The Pettis County Democratic Convention to-day nominated the following ticket:

Representative, E. E. Johnston; Prosecuting Attorney, Bruce Barnett; Circuit Clerk, Arthur Goodnight; County Clerk, R. H. Gray; Recorder, Lee Louney; Probate Judge, O. E. Parsons; Sheriff, Joseph O. Dilard; Collector, E. E. Hays; Treasurer, Charles H. Hanks; Coroner, Doctor T. P. McCune; Judge, Eastern District, R. Wilson; Judge, Western District, E. F. Scott.

The convention also passed resolutions endorsing State and national platforms and the administration of Governor Dockery. The convention was called to order by Representative, if elected to vote for William J. Stone for United States Senator.

## POPULAR BLUFF CONVENTION.

Butler County Republicans Place Ticket in the Field.

Popular Bluff, Mo., Aug. 11.—Butler County Republicans met in convention in this city to-day and nominated the following county ticket:

J. O. Davidson, Representative; D. W. Hite, Circuit Clerk; J. J. Hite, County Clerk; M. H. Henson, Circuit Clerk; J. H. H. Souders, Auditor; H. H. Hite, Recorder; R. H. Davidson, Treasurer; D. B. Deem, Probate Judge; J. D. Duncan, Presiding Judge County Superintendent; J. H. Hite, Eastern District; J. D. Hendricks, Judge Western District; J. L. Dalton, chairman County Central Committee.

Joe T. Davidson, candidate for Representative served the people of Butler County in this capacity in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. Resolutions were passed in relation to the nomination of county officers to the School Fund amendment to the Constitution; declared against lobbying, and for improvement of public highways.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY PRIMARIES.

W. J. Stone Will Speak at Carleton on August 15.

Potosi, Mo., Aug. 11.—The Washington County Democratic Central Committee met here to-day and fixed Saturday, September 6, for the precinct primaries to nominate a county ticket.

William J. Stone has accepted an invitation to speak at Carleton, five miles from here, Saturday, August 15. A Reception Committee was appointed.

## FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Democrats Nominate Local Ticket at Vandalia.

Vandalia, Ill., Aug. 11.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic Democratic conventions ever held in Fayette County occurred to-day. The convention was called to order by David Mays and J. W. Albert secretaries. After the usual preliminaries, the convention proceeded to the nomination of county officers. For County Judge there were two contestants, Judge H. W. Henry and Judge J. H. Webb. The latter withdrew his name and asked that Judge Henry be made the unanimous choice of the convention. There being no opposition to either D. M. Whitten for Sheriff and C. F. Easterly for County Superintendent, they were nominated by acclamation.

Noah Emerick received the nomination for County Clerk by a majority. There were three contestants for Treasurer, George F. Rider receiving the nomination on the sixth ballot. The ticket nominated to-day is considered an exceptionally strong one, and while the county officers are now at equality divided between the Democrats and Republicans, the Democrats feel sure that at the coming election they will again restore Fayette County to the Democratic column.

## RILEY'S SON-IN-LAW ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER.

Walter W. Cowger and Dead Man's Wife Are in Jail Together at Murphysboro, Ill., Held for Complicity in the Midnight Shooting of the Jackson County Farmer—Both Strongly Deny Guilt.

## MRS. RILEY GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE ASSASSINATION.



MRS. W. H. RILEY AND WALTER W. COWGER.

Wife and son-in-law of the Jackson County farmer who was murdered in his bed Thursday midnight. They are in jail at Murphysboro, Ill., on the charge of having been implicated in the killing. Both strongly deny their guilt.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 11.—Walter W. Cowger, son-in-law of W. H. Riley, the Big Lake Drainage Commissioner, who was shot while asleep in bed at his home, twenty miles southwest of here, Thursday night, was arrested and placed in the county jail here to-day on the charge of complicity with Mrs. Riley in the murder of her husband. Cowger and Mrs. Riley, who are both in prison here, strongly assert their innocence.

Cowger claims to have been in Springfield at the time of the tragedy. He says his relations with his mother-in-law were simply cordial, and he stoutly denies all guilt. The mystery surrounding the crime becomes greater with developments of investigations which are being made by attorneys for the defense and the State.

There is a lot of dirt in one of the letters from Cowger to Mrs. Riley, now in the hands of State Attorney Venable, which Cowger gives as a verse of a song being sung by a boarder in an adjoining room at his boarding place in Springfield, while he is writing the letter.

In one of the letters he said he liked Mrs. Riley and that she and her husband had been good to him, but he feared she did not regard him as tenderly as he desired.

## COWGER AT TRAIN.

Cowger received for a message while in Springfield, Ill., Friday, which told him of the shooting of Mr. Riley. He came direct to Murphysboro and met Mrs. Riley at the Illinois Central station when she arrived from her home a prisoner of Sheriff T. B. Rogers. Their meeting was cordial, yet she gave no expressions of emotion.

Cowger remained with Mrs. Riley at the office of the county jail until she was placed there. He remained about the jail all day Sunday, and when arrested today by Mr. Rogers, at the instigation of State Attorney Venable, he expressed no surprise, and said he was perfectly willing to accompany the officer. He said he had intended to remain in Murphysboro until after the action of the Grand Jury.

Coroner E. E. Kramer made a thorough examination of the wound in Mr. Riley's side, and the discoveries were sufficient, in his mind, to warrant the holding of the woman for the death of her husband. He drew from the wound several No. 12 shot and two paper wads. They are just like the shot and wads found in the jail all day Sunday, and when arrested today by Mr. Rogers, at the instigation of State Attorney Venable, he expressed no surprise, and said he was perfectly willing to accompany the officer. He said he had intended to remain in Murphysboro until after the action of the Grand Jury.

C. Solomon of Springfield since becoming a resident of Southern Illinois.

The funeral took place here Sunday afternoon at the Tower Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Riley was present, with Deputy Sheriff Wright as an escort. The meeting at the grave between mother and children, who had been separated since the murder, was affecting and persons witnessing the meeting could not restrain evidences of sympathy for the children and accused mother. Mrs. Riley bears her grief bravely and is not near as emotional as the ordinary woman would be under similar circumstances.

## COWGER KNOWN AT SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 11.—Walter Cowger, who is under arrest at Murphysboro for complicity in the death of his father-in-law, first came before the Springfield public six years ago, when he was arrested on a charge preferred against him by Mary Schultz.

Cowger insisted that he was innocent of the charge and when the case was brought to trial he was acquitted. At the time of his arrest Riley signed the bond for his release. Shortly after his acquittal Cowger married Riley's daughter. He was employed by Riley up to the time Riley left for Murphysboro, when he procured a position with the Illinois Central Railroad.

## LOVER KILLED HIS RIVAL.

Jim Raines Shot Dan Smith in Indian Territory.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Muskogee, I. T., Aug. 11.—Jim Raines came in from McLean, fifteen miles east of this place, this morning and surrendered to the Federal authorities, stating that he had shot and killed Dan Smith, a rival of his in the oil business. Raines was released by United States Commissioner Marshall. The evidence shows that Smith had repeatedly threatened Raines's life, and this time without a word he walked up to Raines and pointed a revolver at him. Raines drew his own and shot Smith dead before the latter could fire.

## OFFICES WILL BE REPAIRED.

Water Commissioner Flad's Room the First to Be Decorated.

Owing to lack of attention the offices in the City Hall have become dirty and officials have come to the conclusion that it would be economical to repair all occupied rooms and have them decorated so as to give a finished effect. Further neglect would be extravagant. It is thought.

Water Commissioner Flad yesterday received designs for the decoration of the walls and ceiling of his large office. In all probability other offices will, from time to time, undergo similar improvements, with the result that unified efforts may be made for the near future for completing the interior of the building.

## Pensions for Southwesterners.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Washington, Aug. 11.—Pensions have been granted Southwesterners as follows:

Messers—John H. Morris, Kansas City, 20; John Williams, St. Charles, E. George W. Straube, Farmer, 20; Samuel M. Faison, dead, 20; James H. Jones, Kansas City, 20; Melcher, Surgeon, 20; Michael Heinz, Vols. 20; George W. Faison, dead, 20; John Smith, Laclede, 20; Samuel Oxford, Rikeaway, 20; Addison G. Carter, dead, 20; William M. Johnson, Jefferson City, 20; Charles McFadden, Hailton Creek, 20; Charles W. Carter, 20; John H. Jones, dead, 20; John H. Jones, 20; Minerva C. Lawson, St. Louis, 20; Alvin Leland, St. James, 20.

Kansas—Wm. R. McCord, Manhattan, 20; Daniel Sanborn, Glad, 20; Bannus Huston, Fort Scott, 20; James H. Jones, Kansas City, 20; E. H. Morrison, Sedona, 20; Horatio W. Felt, Atchison, 20; George W. Faison, dead, 20; John H. Jones, 20; Charles J. Swanson, 20; Mary H. Hall, 20; Kansas City, 20; Mary W. Jackson, Kansas City, 20.

Oklahoma—Jackson Clark, Hico, 20; John H. Jones, 20; George W. Faison, dead, 20; John H. Jones, 20; Charles J. Swanson, 20; Mary H. Hall, 20; Kansas City, 20; Mary W. Jackson, Kansas City, 20.

## Railway Mail Clerks Appointed.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Washington, Aug. 11.—The following persons have been appointed railway mail clerks:

## NUNS' DEFENDERS THREATEN FIGHT.

Prefect of Finistère Appeals in Vain to Inhabitants of Three Communes.

## SPEECH AROUSES ANTAGONISM.

Abbe Gavrand Asserts That the Only Way to Restore Peace Is Not to Disturb the Unauthorized Schools.

Brest, Aug. 11.—The Prefect to-day called a meeting of the inhabitants of the towns of St. Moon, Le Folgot and Fudaniel, who have been resisting the closing of unauthorized congregationalist schools by the authorities, in order to explain the situation to them and induce them to renounce their desperate resistance.

The Prefect said the agitation was causing discredit upon the country and that his hearers could not imagine that three communes would be allowed to oppose the law.

The Prefect's speech was constantly interrupted with cries of "We will resist to the death!" "There will be bloodshed!" "We will allow ourselves to be massacred before we abandon the schools!"

Abbe Gavrand, Republican-Catholic member of the Chamber of Deputies from Finistère, replied to the Prefect and said the agitation, far from discrediting the country, was uplifting it in the eyes of the world. The only way to restore peace, the abbe said, was not to disturb the schools. The meeting broke up with shouts of "Long live the sisters and liberty!"

## UNEXPECTED DOUBLE WEDDING.

Best Man and Bridesmaid Arrange a Surprise.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Greenville, Ill., Aug. 11.—Mr. George H. Jones of Greenville and Miss Myrtle Hastings were married at the home of the bride in La Grange Township Sunday afternoon. The bride was Miss Myrtle Hastings and the groom was Mr. George H. Jones. The best man was Mr. John C. Bell and the bridesmaid was Miss Edna Jones.

By a prearrangement with the officiating clergyman, Mr. Jones and Miss Hastings, who is a sister of the bridegroom, stepped forward immediately after the ceremony and announced the coming of the first couple. Both young couples will live on farms in this vicinity.

## WILL BE MILITARY WEDDING.

Colonel Ewert of Illinois Militia and Miss Bell to Marry.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Springfield, Ill., Aug. 11.—The wedding of Colonel Theobald Ewert, Assistant Adjutant General of Illinois, and Miss Nellie M. Bell will be solemnized at the home of Miss Bell's parents, Captain and Mrs. John C. Bell, next Wednesday.

Colonel Ewert is a native of Jacksonville, Ill., captain of the Fifth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, and a brother of Colonel Ewert will officiate.

## CENTRALIA PASTOR WEDS.

The Reverend Charles Smith and Mrs. Tennessee Tate Married.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Centralia, Ill., Aug. 11.—The Reverend Charles S. Smith, pastor of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city and Keyesport, and Mrs. Tennessee Tate of this city were married last night, the Reverend Frank W. Nelson, Presiding Elder, of this district, performing the ceremony.

## BAGNELL-VALMER.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Panna, Ill., Aug. 11.—Thomas Bagnell, a well-known young man of this city, and Miss Ella Valmer of Ocedee were married to-day.

## PATTER-THORNTON.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Marshall, Mo., Aug. 11.—Mr. Newman E. Patter and Miss Bessie Thornton, both of this county, were married to-day.

## RYAN-DOWLING.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Cairo, Ill., Aug. 11.—Mr. William R. Ryan and Miss Cora Dowling, both of Charleston, Mo., were married in this city to-day.

## ROBERTS-IMBOFF.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.** Norris City, Ill., Aug. 11.—J. D. Roberts of Nebraska and Miss Lizzie Imboff were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city at the clock and twenty minutes past eight o'clock yesterday.

## MOTORMAN PAINFULLY HURT.

Was Knocked Down by Car and Rendered Unconscious.

Motorman Robert Thompson of the Transit Company failed to observe a warning posted in nearly all cars for passengers to keep from stepping on a track from behind another car and was badly hurt Sunday. Thompson, who lives at No. 2324 Osgood street, alighted from a west-bound Easton avenue car and walking behind it stepped in front of east-bound car No. 628. He was knocked down and dragged under the wheels of the car. He was taken to the hospital and is now lying in bed, unable to move. He is suffering from a fracture of the right arm and a dislocation of the right shoulder. He was taken home by his wife and is now lying in bed, unable to move. He is suffering from a fracture of the right arm and a dislocation of the right shoulder.

The condition is not serious. Mrs. Rose Cella, 33 years old, living at No. 2324 Osgood street, was thrown to the ground and painfully injured yesterday morning by a car. She sustained a fracture of the left arm. Mrs. Cella was taken to her home.

**KICKED BY HORSE—Harry Lash of No. 2324 Osgood street, was kicked by a horse, which attempted to run away from him at Broadway and North Market street, Sunday. He sustained a wound on the head, which was dressed at the North End Dispensary.**

## MANAGER RISING IS HONORED.

Company at Koerner's Garden Presents Him Watch and Chain.

W. S. Rising, manager of Koerner's Garden, was the recipient last night of a number of valuable presents, the occasion being the anniversary of his birth. Richard Bushner and Miss Lillian Kemble, leading members of the stock company, presented a gold watch and chain to him and there were many floral offerings.

The presentation was made between acts and Mr. Rising responded in a neat speech. After the performance a banquet was given at the garden.

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